

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application and indicating that claims 1-38 and 43-44 contain allowable subject matter.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-46 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 23, and 39 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 23, and 39. Claims 39-46 have been cancelled by this reply.

Claim Amendments

The preamble of claims 1-38 have been amended to clarify that the claims are directed to a computer-readable medium. Support for these amendments may be found, for example, in originally filed claims 39-46 and paragraph [0036] of the instant specification. No new matter has been added by the aforementioned amendments

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 101

Claims 1-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. As discussed above, claims 1-38 have been amended such that they are now directed to a “computer-readable medium having stored thereon a program which is executable by a processor, the program comprising instructions for...” In view of the above amendments, claims 1-38 now constitute statutory subject matter as they are directed to the transformation of data by a machine (*i.e.*, the processor executing the program). In view of the above, this rejection is respectfully requested. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 112

Claims 1-38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1. The Applicant respectfully asserts that the specification clearly describes the specific utility of the claimed invention such that one skilled in the art would know how to use the invention. Specifically, paragraphs [0037]-[0039] of the instant specification outline the problem the claimed invention is directed to solving as well as an overview of the invention and how the invention addresses the aforementioned problem. Following this overview, the specification then proceeds to provide various details about how the claimed invention may be implemented. (*See* Instant specification,

Figures 6-9). In view of the above, this rejection is respectfully traversed. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, ¶2, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amount to a gap between the elements, where the omitted elements are computer hardware necessary to execute the claimed software and render the invention operative. As discussed above, claims 1-38 have been amended to recite a “computer-readable medium having stored thereon a program which is executable by a processor, the program comprising instructions for...” Thus, the claims now recite sufficient computer hardware necessary to execute the claimed software and render the invention operative. In view of the above, this rejection is respectfully traversed. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 103

Claim 39 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the article entitled “Technique to MoveFocus in Presentation Manager Applications” (“IBM”). Claim 39 has been cancelled by this reply. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

Claims 40-42, 45, and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over IBM in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,262,713 (“Brusky”). Claims 40-42, 45, and 46 have been cancelled by this reply. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number

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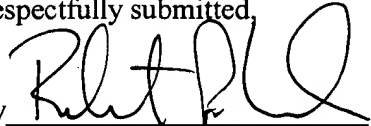
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